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IDF plan foresees troop withdrawal

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Post Defence Correspondent

In its work plan for the new fiscal year the Israel Defence Forces is taking into account that it will still be deployed in Lebanon, though along different lines and with fewer men in active service over the border.

The new deployment will probably keep Israel's forces at current strength in the eastern sector, where they face the Syrians, but will allow for a massive pullback of forces from the western sector in the coming months.

Security arrangements for this area will be taken over by the South Lebanon Army of the late Major Sa'ad Haddad, which will double in size and be given new equipment to combat any local threat.

The work plan for the new year, which began yesterday, calls for an average of 45 to 50 days duty for all reservists, down from the 60 days last year, but more than the 37 days permitted in non-emergency situations.

Under pressure from a shrinking budget, the IDF will be forced to spend less on training programmes. But this will be done by going over

to increased simulation, and cutting the amount of live ammunition used in exercises, and not by decreasing the time units will spend training.

Major development projects will not be cut. In fact, military sources say more will be spent on research and development by the IDF this year in real terms than in previous years, though not nearly as much as had been planned before the budget was cut.

Development is continuing on the Lavi fighter project (that was helped out by a special \$250 million grant from the U.S.) and on a new missile boat for the navy, still being defined, and other systems designed to give Israel a growing qualitative edge over the armed forces of the confrontation states.

The guiding principle in this year's work plan is the assumption that Israel will never be able to keep up with the quantitative advances being made by the combined confrontation states, and that the only way to maintain a balance of power is to concentrate heavily on sophistication of systems.

Also featured in the work plan is a central role for the recently es-

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Two Katyusha rockets fall near Kibbutz Misgav Am

Jerusalem Post Staff

Two Katyusha rockets landed near Kibbutz Misgav Am on the Lebanese border and Israeli gunners shelled PLO bases in Syrian-controlled eastern Lebanon yesterday.

The two 107mm. Katyushas, one of which exploded, landed near the southern Lebanese village of Adecia, about one kilometre from the kibbutz.

Large numbers of Israeli troops and units of the Army of South Lebanon combed the area and found the rocket launcher near Kibbutz Misgav Am, 10 kilometres northwest of where the rockets landed.

In an attack two months ago, Katyusha rockets landed in Metulfa.

Israel Defence Forces reiterated last night that it is impossible to prevent all such attacks, but the IDF will continue to try to keep them to a minimum.

IDF artillery units yesterday shelled two PLO bases near Bar Elias in

eastern Lebanon's Bekaa Valley, the first such shelling in over a year.

An IDF spokesman said the bases were jumping-off points for recent attacks in eastern Lebanon in which eight soldiers were wounded.

No return fire was reported. In Sidon, two Israeli soldiers were wounded yesterday afternoon when a roadside bomb exploded as an Israeli patrol passed by. The two were evacuated to Rambam Hospital.

Light-arms fire was directed at an Israeli position near Lake Karoun in eastern Lebanon yesterday. No one was reported hurt.

A Reuters correspondent from Sidon reported that 225 villagers from the village of Jibshit in Southern Lebanon were rounded up and moved to the Ansar detention centre by the IDF.

An Israeli soldier was lightly wounded yesterday evening when an IDF vehicle was ambushed four kilometres east of Lake Karoun, in eastern Lebanon. IDF units searched the area.

Bank of Israel besieged by defence-loan redeemers

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Bank of Israel in Jerusalem's Hakirya government quarter was besieged yesterday morning from opening time by a huge queue of citizens trying to redeem their 1971 Defence Loan certificates.

Because of poor planning or because of difficulties in identification, the small number of clerks inside were unable to process more than 60-70 certificates per hour. When the bank closed shortly after noon, scores of people were being turned away and told to return today.

Many in the queue were angry, not only because of the low return given by the certificates, which are pegged to the December 1983 cost-

of-living index, and are worth a small fraction of their real value, but also because the commercial banks, which could process the certificates with ease, demand a fee, unlike the Bank of Israel.

With each succeeding month between now and March 1985, certificate holders will be getting less and less money for their original loan, depending on the number of the series from one to 12.

One of the citizens emerging from the bank said he got IS20,079 in return for IL375 deducted from his salary 13 years ago. He lost about 44 per cent because the certificates are pegged to the December index (assuming that March's rate of inflation was 12 per cent).

Members of the Knesset Finance Committee from coalition and opposition parties alike made only feeble and ineffective efforts to improve the terms of the 1971 loan, which had been laid down when inflation was negligible. (Picture — Page 6)

Due to circumstances beyond our control, The New York Times Weekly Review does not appear with today's issue.

Bonn embassy checking poison gas plant sale

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel's Bonn embassy is checking reports that a West German chemical equipment manufacturer supplied the plant used by Iraq to make poison gas for use against Iran in the Gulf war, the cabinet was told yesterday.

The gas in question, it is understood, was nerve gas of a type invented more than 50 years ago, but

the West German firm reportedly says it was asked to supply apparatus to manufacture pesticides.

Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i raised the matter at the weekly cabinet session.

The Gulf war was mentioned in the course of classified surveys that the cabinet got.

After Shamir and Arens reported on the latest developments in Lebanon, Minister without Port-



A Religious Affairs Ministry official inspects a controversial tunnel along the Western Wall of the Temple Mount. See story page 2. (Rahamim Israeli)

Reagan firm against TA embassy transfer

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — President Ronald Reagan is strongly opposed to the transfer of the American embassy in Israel to Jerusalem and he will not transfer it, Secretary of State George Shultz declared yesterday.

Interviewed on the television programme *Meet the Press*, Shultz refused to state explicitly whether the president would veto legislation by congress instructing the government to move the embassy, but made unequivocally clear that the embassy would not be transferred.

Shultz said he believed that a growing number of congressmen are having second thoughts in the matter and are now seeking a way to defuse the situation.

Shultz added that the passage of a resolution calling for the transfer of the embassy, even if not formulated as a law, and even if vetoed, would

be a bad signal to the world. Moving the embassy would not serve the interests of the U.S. and would be taken as a blow to Islam. It would also damage America's position as a credible honest broker in the Middle East.

Regarding Lebanon, Shultz said that if the U.S. had shown greater resolution, the results of its Lebanon policy might have been different.

Hyman Bookbinder, representative of the American Jewish Committee in Washington, said yesterday that the question of the transfer of the American embassy to Jerusalem was not the main issue in the Democratic primary contest in the U.S. and too much attention was being paid to it.

Speaking on the TV programme *Face the Nation*, Bookbinder said that American Jewry, while in-

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Shamir: U.S. Embassy must be in Jerusalem

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said yesterday that there was no possibility that Israel would give up its demand that the U.S., like all other countries that have diplomatic relations, maintain its embassy in the host country's capital.

Shamir was commenting at the weekly cabinet on a Kol Yisrael report earlier in the day, which he described as totally unfounded.

Cabinet secretary Dan Meridor, telling this later to reporters, said Israel would not engage in any compromise maneuvers following the confrontation between President

Ronald Reagan and congressmen over their call to move the embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

Shamir quoted statements made on the embassy issue by the two leading contenders for the Democratic Party's presidential nomination, Walter Mondale and Gary Hart.

He also surveyed the decisions in Washington on future economic aid to Israel.

Shamir also touched on the announcement issued last week by the European Community concerning the Middle East. He mentioned President Chaim Herzog's visit to Britain and some of the reaction to Queen Elizabeth's visit to Jordan.

Treasury hopes to woo investors to gov't bonds

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

Finance Ministry and Bank of Israel officials hoped yesterday that a series of measures approved last week by the Knesset Finance Committee will help to persuade the public to invest in government bonds.

The committee decided last Thursday to increase the yield on index-linked bonds (Galil) from 3 per cent to 4.25 per cent.

The committee also empowered

the government to float new bond issues on the stock exchange.

The measures approved by the committee are seen as tools for the Treasury to use in the coming months to prevent a flood of money onto the consumer market when the public starts receiving money due it from maturing bonds and savings schemes.

Figures for the amount of money printed last month are due to be published today with some estimates expecting a huge IS30 to IS40 billion.

Labour will name Peres to head list on Thursday

Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Shimon Peres will be officially declared the Labour candidate for prime minister at a party central committee meeting scheduled for this Thursday. He will then try to convince former president Yitzhak Navon not to reject offers to occupy the second slot on the party's list of Knesset candidates. Former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin has already announced that he is ready to settle for number three.

Following internal consultations yesterday, it was decided that the central committee would meet on Thursday for what many in the party refer to as Peres's crowning. After the weekend declarations by Navon and Rabin that they will not challenge Peres, he remains in effect the undisputed leader.

But traces of bitterness still linger in Labour. Navon denied yesterday that he had lamented the lack of a party forum that could have told Peres to "move aside." But this clarification did nothing to smooth ruffled feathers.

Navon said that he had suggested that "a party forum be put together to decide on who should lead the

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Levy decision keeps Herut in suspense

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Deputy Prime Minister David Levy may announce today whether he intends to challenge Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir for the primacy of Herut. After a tete-a-tete session with Shamir yesterday, he remained quiet, keeping his party in suspense. But many of its members are beginning to believe that Levy will run.

While he pondered whether or not to challenge Shamir, the prime minister scored a first victory — Herut will choose its candidate for premier in the coming elections on April 12. This leaves very little time for any would-be challengers to mount an efficient campaign. So far there is only one officially declared candidate — Minister-without-Portfolio Ariel Sharon.

Sharon yesterday repeated his resolve to run at a gathering of Herut ministers in Shamir's office, shortly after the private session between Shamir and Levy. Ministers present at the meeting described Sharon's attitude as

"highly belligerent."

Levy gave no hint of his decision throughout the long political consultations. But his silence and Sharon's formal announcement have led many Herut figures to conclude that Levy will also declare his candidacy.

Nevertheless, some of Levy's closest allies caution that nothing is certain, and note that Levy has let no one into his confidence. At this point, they say, it is impossible to discern a stronger inclination one way or the other.

MK Micha Reiser, a Herut politician prominent in Levy's camp, admitted yesterday that Sharon's decision means there already is a contest for the party leadership. "This might make it easier for Levy to try his luck too," he said, "since he would not be the one to have plunged the party into an internal battle. But from here to the conclusion that Levy will indeed run, the road is a very long one. I myself have no idea what he intends to do," Reiser said.

Party insiders add that Levy has been consulting a great deal lately

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Eitan's Tzomet party to run with Tehiya

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Former chief of staff Rafael Eitan's Tzomet group has decided to run in the coming elections jointly with Tehiya. The decision was reached yesterday by an overwhelming majority at a secretariat meeting here.

Talks will now begin with Tehiya on how the merger will be achieved. Tehiya's own unity may be affected. MK Geula Cohen may leave the party and return to her original political home in Herut if the Tzomet members are accepted not as individuals but as a faction.

Until yesterday, Tzomet was not a political movement but an ideological circle whose membership was drawn from many parties, including the Likud and Labour. Its leaders found the decision to turn to politics a difficult one. The decision was reached after four hours of deliberations at a meeting from which the press was excluded.

The vote to run with Tehiya was overwhelming. It is reported that

more than 400 of the Tzomet members voted for the proposal, made by Eitan, while only 28 opposed it.

Tzomet also called yesterday for the unification of all nationalist political groups in the country. Eitan told the gathering that his group will stick to its principles and that in the upcoming talks with the Tehiya leaders there will be no haggling over slots on the list of Knesset candidates and other honours.

Eitan and Tehiya leader Science and Development Minister Yuval Ne'eman are due to confer this week in an attempt to conclude a speedy agreement.

Geula Cohen's attitude may cause problems. While Ne'eman and others in Tehiya have already stated they would like to see Eitan at the head of the list, Cohen is opposed to this. If Tzomet enters the ticket as a faction demanding a certain proportion of the Knesset slots, she may well return to Herut, where her chances of a safe Knesset slot may be better.

Tehiya would like to avoid this,

especially after the departure of its former MK Hanan Perat, who left the party in the hope of uniting the Religious Zionist movement.

But Perat's dream seems further from reality now than ever. His idea of uniting elements in Gush Emunim, Matzad and all the National Religious Party factions in one political ticket hinged, to a large extent, on changing the NRP leadership. But NRP leader Yosef Burg made it clear yesterday that he has no intention of retiring from politics and that he plans to run in the upcoming elections.

This may mean that Perat and Matzad's Haim Druckman will have to run their Orot ticket separately.

Former chief rabbi Ovadiah Yosef denied yesterday that he ever considered heading the NRP list in an effort to bite into Tami support and into the possible electoral reservoir of the new Sephardi Orthodox party Shas. Yosef is the spiritual father of the new Shas list. He termed rumours of his running on the NRP or any list as "an April Fool's Day joke."

Libyans confiscate papers from misdirected suitcase

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A Technion professor's scientific papers disappeared from his suitcase after it was inadvertently sent to Tripoli when he returned home with Swissair from a congress abroad.

Professor Amiran Ron of the Technion's physics department said the documents and books do not contain any secret information.

"The Libyan security people probably thought they had got their hands on some classified material, but there is nothing in the papers or

books that has not already been published or is about to be published," he told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

The suitcase was mislaid on a Swissair flight from Dusseldorf, German Federal Republic, to Tel Aviv in February when Ron was coming back from a lecture series at the Aachen Institute of Technology.

Ron discovered the case was missing when the plane made a stop-over in Zurich and all baggage was rechecked before the flight to Tel Aviv. When it did not arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport, he filed a lost-

luggage complaint with Swissair, which launched an investigation. After six weeks the airline officials notified Ron that they had traced the suitcase to Tripoli, where it had been confiscated by the Libyans.

Ron said Swissair managed to secure the return of the suitcase after paying the equivalent of \$1,000 ransom.

"When I finally received the case I found that all my personal belongings had been returned except the scientific papers and some letters the Technion's representative in

Germany had given me to deliver — and some Swiss cheese I had bought.

"The scientific material included my lecture papers, which had taken me considerable time to prepare, research material and a number of transparencies that I used for my talks."

He said Swissair promised to continue their efforts to secure the return of the papers. "The airline people have really done their best to help me, including paying this ransom, and I hope their efforts are successful."

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SAO PAULO	23	28	Cloudy
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Golan	44	8-20	19
Nahariya	44	10-18	18
Safed	78	13-19	19
Tiberias	50	12-25	24
Nazareth	58	12-20	20
Afula	49	10-22	21
Shomron	49	10-22	21
Tel Aviv	64	12-21	21
B-G Airport	40	10-23	23
Jericho	28	12-30	29
Qaza	75	12-30	20
Beerseba	19	11-26	26
Eilat	13	18-33	31

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

A plaque on the Wall of Life and a lecture room honouring the memory of Sigmund Freud were dedicated yesterday on the Mt. Scopus campus of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, in the presence of Mrs. Bala Isaac, her daughter, Joan Isaac, and a delegation of friends.

ARRIVALS

Mrs. Yvonne Malsdorf, Belgium; Dr. Hans Weisberger, Denmark; Mr. John Dunkelgrun, Holland; Mr. Leslie Frankel, South Africa; Dr. Kenneth Alberman, United Kingdom; Mr. and Mrs. Ira Bernstein, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Fohman, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Fohman, Mrs. Bala Isaac, Ms. Joan Isaac, Mr. Terry Kowale, Mr. James Nelson, Dr. and Mrs. Henry M. Orlitzky, Dr. Judith Orlitzky, Mr. and Mrs. David Palmer, Ms. Cathy Lee Patis, Mr. George Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith, Dr. and Mrs. Henry Sonenborn III, Ms. Barbara Streisand, Mr. Merv Waller, United States, all for the 46th Annual Meeting of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem Board of Governors.

Haim Aharon, to assume his post as head of the Jewish Agency's aliyah department, after winding up his tour of duty as Israel Ambassador to Colombia.

Bertel Haarder, Denmark's education minister, for a week's visit as guest of Education and Culture Minister Ze'evulun Hammer.

Children to clean up country's roadsides

Jerusalem Post Staff
A 100-day national clean-up campaign begins this week, with hundreds of schoolchildren scheduled to collect trash from the country's roadsides.
The campaign is overseen by the Nature Protection Society and the Environment Protection Service of the Interior Ministry. The campaign is at the initiative of Minister without Portfolio Sarah Doron.

Last Tel Hai defender, Zahavi, dies aged 93

HAIFA (Itim). — Nathan Zahavi, the last surviving defender of Tel Hai, died here yesterday, aged 93.
Zahavi was wounded by a bullet in the chest alongside Tel Hai commander Yosef Trumpeldor in the attack by Arabs in the Upper Galilee Jewish outpost in March 1920.

Yehuda Benari, aged 80

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Yehuda Benari, an aide of Ze'ev Jabotinsky's in the 1930s, died during the weekend in Ramat Gan, aged 80.
Benari, born in Russia, came to Israel in 1951. For 18 years he was director of the Jabotinsky Institute.
Benari died while writing a monumental history of the Revisionist movement. One volume has already been published (in English), and the manuscript of the second volume is ready.

CONDEMN. — Iran yesterday asked several countries to condemn Iraq's use of chemical arms.

HOME AND WORLD NEWS

Moslem trust engineers barred from visit

Temple Mount wall dig stopped

By MICHAEL EILAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Engineers from the Wakf (Moslem trust) cannot get permission to visit a tunnel along the western wall of the Temple Mount to trace the sources of possibly severe structural damage to Wakf buildings.

The excavations in the tunnel, undertaken by the Religious Affairs Ministry, have been stopped in the meantime after a great deal of pressure, including the intervention of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

But Wakf officials say these have already caused damage to Wakf buildings that straddle the northern section of the western wall. Last week, a flight of steps at the entrance to the Wakf administration in the Majlis building sank again while workers in the employ of the Religious Affairs Ministry were supposed to be building reinforcements beneath it.

Wakf architect Adnan Hussein told *The Jerusalem Post* that he was sure that cracks along five buildings above the excavations were caused by the digging, because they all are parallel to the stress patterns one could expect from undermining along the line of the excavations.

Hussein said he had asked last week for permission for a team of Wakf experts to visit the tunnel but had so far received no answer. A source familiar with the affair said he doubted whether Hussein would be given this permission.

Ever since the diggers veered to the east towards the Dome of the Rock and clashed with Arab workers in October, 1981, Jerusalem municipal officials have been trying to stop the dig and repair the damage. The eastward dig was sealed off, but the tunnel running parallel to the wall was still a cause for concern.

When Shamir assumed office last October, Mayor Teddy Kolek wrote to him and said it was of the utmost importance to stop the digging. Kolek quoted the district archaeologist, who said that there was no archaeological interest in the excavations, and that the digging was causing severe damage to buildings above the tunnel.

In the letter Kolek said that Interior and Religious Affairs Minister Yosef Burg had promised the excavations would be stopped, but they continued nonetheless. The municipality's Dangerous

Buildings Department also tried to stop excavations because of the damage they were doing above. Finally, on December 27 this department was informed by the director-general of the Religious Affairs Ministry, Rabbi Moshe Salomon, that the digging had been stopped.

Ephraim Shilo, the senior Interior Ministry official who deals with Jerusalem affairs, said last night that there was no binding evidence to prove that the cracks in the Wakf buildings were caused by the excavations, even though the similar pattern of the stress cracks does raise this possibility. He said that many buildings in the Old City continually sink, and settle, partly because of the changes to the soil and rock caused by the introduction of running water after 1967.

Shilo said that the steps underneath the Majlis building are built on loose earth, which is in turn piled on the Mameluke 14th century domed chambers that are part of the excavated tunnel. Over the years, he said, these domed chambers were filled with rubbish and water. The draining of these chambers may have caused the area beneath the steps to sink, he said.

Royal guard to welcome Herzogs at Windsor Castle

By HYAM CORNEY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — A royal guard of honour will greet President and Mrs. Chaim Herzog when they drive into the grounds of Windsor Castle this morning to have lunch with the Queen and Prince Philip, who arrived home from their controversial visit to Jordan on Friday.

As the Herzog visit here is not an official one, the guard of honour is not mandatory. The fact that it will be there is regarded in Israeli circles here as a tribute both to Herzog as an individual and to Israel.

It is also regarded as a significant honour that only the Queen, Prince Philip and the Herzogs will be present at the lunch.

The president is expected to invite the Queen to visit Israel. Herzog has been using his visit here to get support for Israeli admission into the European section

of the World Cup Football competition. At present it is in the Oceania division.

Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock was amazed to learn from Herzog that rugby is played in Israel and immediately offered to arrange to send a Welsh team to play there.

Herzog expressed concern that the Israeli side would be overwhelmed, whereupon the Welshman said that he would make sure that they would not be too powerful.

Herzog last night accused the Western news media of publishing "disinformation" which has undoubtedly played its part in bringing about the evident anti-Semitic results which we see today in the streets of Europe.

Western governments and the media, he continued, were "obsessed" with the Arab-Israeli conflict, virtually to the exclusion of other issues.

New Finnish envoy takes up position at end of month

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Taneli Kekkonen, the son of Finland's famous former president, Urho Kekkonen, has been appointed as Finland's new ambassador to Israel. A senior diplomat who served as ambassador in Rome and in Warsaw before coming to Israel, Kekkonen will take up his new post at the end of this month.

He is married to the daughter of Finland's former prime minister, Carl August Fagerholm, who lost the presidential election in 1956 to Taneli Kekkonen's father by one vote.

The former Finnish ambassador to Israel, Erkki Maentakanen, left for Helsinki last week to take up the post of director of the Finnish Foreign Ministry's International Trade Policy Department.

REAGAN

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Interested in Israel-linked issues, wanted the candidates to turn to them on issues of general American interest as well.

"The Black Democratic aspirant," Jesse Jackson, said on the program, "me that it would be dangerous to move the embassy to Jerusalem and that his two rivals for the Democratic candidacy — Senator Gary Hart and former vice-president Walter Mondale — displayed lack of leadership in supporting the transfer of the embassy."

Jackson avoided directly answering whether he supports American negotiations with the PLO, saying that the administration in any case was already holding contacts with that organization.

IDF PLAN

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Established Ground Forces Command. Already the new command, under Aluf Dan Shomron, has been given budgetary, development, acquisition and partial training responsibility for all the combined ground forces.

There are no plans to turn the Ground Forces Command into a separate branch of the IDF (like the navy or the air force). The aim is to maintain the new structure as an administrative unit, responsible for virtually all aspects of development and training of the ground forces, but with no operational control in time of war.

The IDF will continue to lay off both professional soldiers and civilians who work for the defence establishment during the coming year. But sources have told *The Jerusalem Post* that there is considerable difficulty in meeting the goal of laying off 4,000 people in the next two years.

The standing army will be kept at its present size, though there will be a new mix of units deployed in the field at any one time. Certain units have been withdrawn from service, while new units, like the recently re-established Givati Brigade, will be built up.



Barbra Streisand arriving early yesterday morning at Ben-Gurion Airport. (Yaacov Katz)

Barbra Streisand rededicates Yentl

By JOAN BORSTEN

TEL AVIV. — Barbra Streisand last night rededicated *Yentl*, a film already dedicated to "my father and all our fathers" to "our forefathers who came from this place — Abraham, Isaac and Moses."

She spoke to a capacity crowd at the Shahaf theatre, where the \$50-a-ticket Israeli premiere of *Yentl* was held.

The Israeli Friends of Hebrew University sponsored both the premiere and the gala dinner that followed. Guests at the dinner were

serenaded by the Netanya Orchestra and hosted by entertainers Moshe Noy and Miriam Fuchs.

Streisand arrived escorted by film producer/businessman Arnon Milchan, U.S. Ambassador and Mrs. Sam Lewis, Hebrew University Vice-President and Mrs. Simha Dinitz and Alan and Marilyn Bergman, who wrote the lyrics to *Yentl*.

Streisand sat through the entire screening and received an enthusiastic and long standing ovation.

Syria will press Lebanon to sort out its problems

BEIRUT. — Syria warned yesterday that it will push Lebanon to sort out its problems.

Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa said in an interview published here that the government of President Hafez Assad is "zealous" to find a solution to the Lebanese crisis, and the government newspaper said Lebanon's warring factions have "no other choice" but to achieve accord.

Sharaa blamed the failure of Lebanese leaders to reach agreement at their recent talks in Switzerland on "continual Israeli and American interference behind the scenes."

"Syria is more zealous and sincere that any other non-Lebanese party in wanting Lebanese national accord to be achieved," he said. "It will be as much in Syria's and the Syrian people's interests as in the interest of Lebanon."

Sharaa said the Syrian government is opposed to partitioning Lebanon, the solution suggested by Christian leaders for ending the continual Moslem and Christian feuding.

In Damascus, the Syrian government newspaper *Tishrin* said Syria wants entente among all Lebanese factions and "will not allow those playing with fire to continue their plots," a reference to the continuing ceasefire violations.

Meanwhile, shelling exchanges were reported between the Lebanese Army and Druse gunmen in the mountains east of Beirut, and sporadic sniping persisted along the "green line" dividing Christian East Beirut from the city's mostly Moslem western sector.

No casualties were reported in the battles.

Hussein favours a Labour victory

Jerusalem Post Staff
King Hussein of Jordan indicated his preference for a Labour victory in Israel's forthcoming elections when he said in a recent interview in *The Times* of London that Labour has always adopted more "responsible" stands than the other parties on the problems of the region.

In the weekend interview, following the end of Queen Elizabeth's tour of Jordan, Hussein said that an Alignment victory could bring a

change in the region that would also be beneficial to Israel itself.

"Hussein seemed to have hinted at a new approach to Labour's longstanding policy based on 'the Jordanian option.' In the past, Hussein has often said that there was no significant difference, in his eyes, between the Alignment and the Likud."

Hussein summed up Jordan's stand regarding the West Bank as "complete peace in exchange for complete (Israeli) withdrawal."

Mubarak: Egypt hopes for Soviet ties soon

CAIRO (Reuters). — Egypt hopes to resume full diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union soon, President Hosni Mubarak was quoted as saying in an interview with the London-based magazine *a-Sayid* to be published Wednesday.

"Our relations with the Soviet Union will, it is hoped, resume soon. We just need ambassadors," he said. "We have no reason to be hostile to Moscow."

The last Soviet ambassador to Egypt was declared *persona non grata* in 1981, shortly before president Anwar Sadat was assassinated and succeeded by Mubarak.

Mubarak accused Israel in the interview of violating the Camp David accords but said that Egypt would abide by its commitments.

Relations with Canada discussed at FM

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The state of the relations between Israel and Canada was discussed last week in a series of talks at the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem with Joseph Stanford, assistant deputy minister in charge of the Middle East Department of the Canadian Foreign Ministry and former ambassador to Israel, and his successor, Canadian Ambassador Vernon Turner.

Stanford leaves today for Ottawa following a six-day visit here. Israel was the last stop of his tour of the Middle East, which took him also to Cairo, Damascus and Amman. Apart from his meetings with senior Foreign Ministry officials, Stanford also had talks with a number of Likud and Labour Party leaders.

Over the weekend, Stanford and

his wife Agnes were the guests of Adina Gottesmann in Herzliya Pituah, who hosted a dinner in his honour. Defence Minister Moshe Arens and Israel's former ambassador in Ottawa, Yeshayahu Aung, were among the guests.

Last Thursday, Paima Herzog gave a reception at her home in Jerusalem in honour of the Stanfords.

PASSOVER FLOUR. — American Mizrahi Women has donated \$16,000 for Operation Kimba Depsha to help needy families of students at its 13 educational institutions buy Passover provisions.

LEVY DECIS

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with various party figures. He increased his activity in the party such an extent that many consider him already to be actively campaigning. He has been visiting more party branches, and has been meeting with as many central committee members as possible. Nearly 1,000 in number, they will be the ones to elect the Herut leader next week.

The date chosen is a let down for Levy, if he intends to run; and for Sharon, who fought for April 25 as the contest date but was roundly defeated in the vote of party ministers.

Speaking last night to the Shapira quarter party branch in South Tel Aviv, Sharon offered a new suggestion: that former prime minister Menachem Begin be the party's nominee.

The Herut secretariat will decide tomorrow on the precise technical arrangements for the April 12 bout.

But while Herut plans a quick and clean showdown, the situation in the Liberal component of the Likud is quite different. Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i has demanded that his party also choose its own number one. He says it is essential to pick a successor to the late Liberal leader Simha Ehrlich. The decision has been held off for fear of causing an irreparable rift.

Moda'i now argues that without such a contest for the Liberal leadership, the party will not even be assured its traditional second slot on the Likud slate of candidates, which might instead go to someone from Herut. Only by finding a successor to Ehrlich, Moda'i contends, will the party be able to avoid internal strife.

But Moda'i's traditional rivals — Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Pat and Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir — counter that the one sure way to foment an internal crisis in the already shaky Liberal house is to resurrect the leadership question. Pat has argued that the Liberals do not need to choose a number one, since they are not a party which nominates a candidate for the premiership. The actual slot which the top Liberals occupy on the Likud list, he maintains, is of no real significance.

Moda'i's instant reply was that if this is Pat's stand, then surely he would be willing to yield any claim on the leadership himself. But all other Liberal ministers and Knesset Speaker Menachem Seidovitz say they will oppose Moda'i if he makes a bid for the top spot.

Herut members view the latest Liberal developments with not a little alarm. Their consensus is that the almost ceaseless bickering in the Liberal hierarchy has contributed to a great deal of the government's difficulties. Herut views the Liberals as being of no electoral value but, rather, a major liability. Nevertheless, the 1965 Gahal agreement on the ratio of Herut to Liberal MKs left the Liberals with 18 MKs after the 1981 elections. In Herut, this is seen as gross over-representation, and there are many calls in the party to amend the agreement.

There is considerable worry in Herut that if Labour sets up the next government, its idea of a national unity coalition will be to tear up with the Liberals and leave Herut out. The Liberals, it is said in Herut, are quite likely to betray the Likud for cabinet posts, although whatever Knesset seats they will win in the coming elections will also come from Herut votes.

MK Michael Kleiner, of the Levy camp, has proposed that every Likud MK be required to post a sort of bond, to be paid in case of switched allegiance, or a vote against the Likud in crucial Knesset contests. Others say that to prevent a Liberal betrayal, Herut ought to run on its own without the Liberals.

TV's April 1 joke falls flat in Amman

AMMAN (AFP). — An official Jordanian spokesman yesterday denied a report broadcast on Israel Television's Arabic news that King Hussein was planning to visit Jerusalem in the coming weeks, even though the announcer had explained shortly after the initial report that it was all an April Fool's Day joke.

Reacting angrily, the Jordanian spokesman accused Israel of using the April 1 tradition as a pretext to spread tendentious reports.

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The funeral will leave today, Monday, April 2, 1984 at 2:30 p.m. from the Municipal Funeral Parlour, 5 Daphna Street, Tel Aviv for the southern cemetery, border Tel Aviv/Be'er Yeha.

Please refrain from condolence visits.

The bereaved:
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Dori and Miriam Schuftan and family
His daughter and son-in-law:
Dorit and Michael Reik and family

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HANI RUBIN

The funeral will take place at Western Haborim today, April 2, 1984 at 10:00 a.m.

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Cantor Loring has been with the Congregation for nearly 35 years. He was born and brought up in Minneapolis, Minnesota. As a young man he played romantic roles in many Hollywood movies. At age 75 he is considered the "Cary Grant" of cantors. He bridges the generation gap with his debonair manner and western friendliness. Michael's mellifluous repertoire ranges from Kol Nidre to "Wagon Wheels" and popular romantic ballads. June Loring sang with the Paul Whiteman Orchestra. Cantor Loring and wife June are veritable show stoppers and make a wonderful duo.

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Cabinet approves new Broadcasting board

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The cabinet yesterday approved the new Broadcasting Authority board of directors, which will serve for the next three years and set authority policy on a regular basis. The outgoing board, headed by Professor Reuven Yaron, ended its term at midnight Saturday.

The seven new members were recommended by Education and Culture Minister Zevulun Hammer, and formally approved by President Chaim Herzog before his departure for England last week. They are: Micha Yonin (National Religious Party), who will be chairman; David Admon (Liberal Party), deputy chairman; Sahul Amur (Herut), chairman of the Migdal Ha'emek local council and a supporter of Deputy Prime Minister David Levy; Amiram Nir (Labour), a former TV military correspondent; Yisrael Peleg (Labour); Kariel Gardosh, "Dosh," the *Ma'ariv* cartoonist; and Nathan Brun (publicist and public relations man). Both Gardosh and Brun, officially representing the public and press in the board and 31-member plenum, identify with the right.

Shalom Danino, a Tami representative on the plenum and head of the Netivot local council, was not made a member of the board. It had been expected that Tami and Teliya would rotate representatives on the board. Tami leaders charged yesterday that Danino was not included as government retribution against the party for supporting early elections in the Knesset. One minister, reportedly Aharon Uzan of Tami, voted against approval of the new board.

The new plenum is scheduled to

meet for the first time tomorrow. The largely ceremonial public body will discuss the nomination of Uri Porat, former spokesman of the Prime Minister's Office, as authority director-general. If he is approved, as expected, the cabinet will nominate and approve him at its next meeting.

The plenum will also hold discussions on the preparation of Israel TV and Kol Yisrael radio for coverage of the election campaign for the Eleventh Knesset.

Yonin said yesterday that he will work to reduce the number of days during which TV and radio are legally prohibited from broadcasting the voices and faces of candidates for the Knesset prior to elections. He also promised to fight for the independence of the Broadcasting Authority.

Authority legal adviser Nathan Cohen yesterday sent to all 1,600 employees of the authority a list of guidelines during the pre-election period. They may not be members of the executive of any party or organize public gatherings on behalf of the party; take part in or organize a demonstration with a political nature; take part in public election propaganda; collect money on behalf of a party; or criticize the policies of the authority or of the government in press conferences, interviews or public speeches.

The last act of outgoing director-general Yosef Lapid last week was to sell the *Pillar of Fire* Zionism series to the Jewish Agency for \$200,000. The Agency thus obtained the rights to distribute the documentary on cassettes to Jewish organizations abroad in English and several other languages.

Egged's no-show conviction is upheld

Supreme Court President Justice Meir Shamgar yesterday turned down an appeal by the Egged bus cooperative against its conviction for failing to operate the Rehovot-Beth Tikva line one day two years ago.

Egged had argued that the failure was caused by the intervention of an outside factor: there was a curfew in the Gaza District on April 9, 1982, and several drivers from the region could not leave their homes to get to work.

The excuse was accepted in magistrates' court, where the case was first heard. But the state, which had been prompted to prosecute following a complaint from a disappointed passenger who had waited for the bus, appealed.

The higher court judges reversed the verdict, ruling that Egged's responsibility according to the terms of its license is a legally absolute one. Thus, only an extremely unanticipated development could absolve it of its failure to carry out the commitment to provide

service, and this, only if the defendant made much greater efforts than what would normally be considered reasonable to overcome the difficulty.

Formally, Shamgar turned down Egged's request for a second appeal. But in the process, he affirmed the district court's reasoning and added several comments of his own. The company, he said, is obliged to be prepared for countless possibilities in which a bus or a driver becomes indisposed, and must have replacements immediately available.

Furthermore, he said, a Gaza curfew by no means constitutes "external intervention" of a level that can excuse breach of an absolute responsibility, but, rather, under current circumstances, is not different from the weather, the economic situation or other such events. Nor can it be compared to an event that directly affects bus service, such as the burning of a certain bus or the kidnapping of a driver, he held.

Negev moshavim to choose new leader

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER
MERHAVIM. — The Merhavim Regional Council in the Negev will elect a new chairman on Wednesday night for the first time in 20 years. The election will be by open ballot. One of the two contenders is

from the Karaites moshav, Ranen, and the other is from Nir Moshe. Outgoing chairman Havi Shabaf said he will return to his home at moshav Patish after it chooses someone else to represent it on the council.

Technology outpaces supply of trained IDF personnel

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Israel Defence Forces faces a shortage this year of 6,000 technicians to operate and maintain increasingly sophisticated equipment, and the shortage will worsen in the years ahead, Deputy Chief of Staff Aluf David Ivri said yesterday.

He spoke at the Ort Technical College in Jerusalem, at a discussion on Educational Goals for the Year 2000 in light of Social and Economic Needs. The event

marked the start of Ort Week in the Israel branch of the international vocational-school network.

Ivri said that the technical manpower problems of the IDF are both quantitative, due to the physical growth of the armed forces, and qualitative, due to the increasingly wide range of weapons and other systems that must be operated and maintained, and to the increasingly rapid obsolescence of all technological systems.

A constant complaint of the IDF, he said, has been the inability of

Israel's educational system to keep up with the pace of technological change.

Dr. Yitzhak Friedman, director of the Szold Institute for educational research, cited a study that found that 70 per cent of vocational-school graduates who worked in their area of expertise during their military service continued to work in that area in civilian life. For those who did not work in their specialty in the IDF, only about 35 per cent continued in civilian life to work in the area that

they were trained for in school.

Five awards for educational excellence were given at the ceremony to the following teachers and schools: the Levinson comprehensive school in Kiryat Bialik and its principal, Menahem Argov; Leah Rahmani of the Ort comprehensive school in Hatzor in Galilee; Betty Czizik of the Yad Giora school in Herzliya; Ya'akov Chakirov of the Yad Singalovsky school in Tel Aviv; and a team of teachers at Yad Singalovsky led by Menahem Golomb.

Ministerial quarrel over charter flights

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A major shouting match erupted yesterday in the Ministerial Committee on Economics over the question of limitations on charter flights to and from Israel.

The row, primarily between Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir and Transport Minister Haim Corfu, reached such a pitch that at one point all the ministerial aides were asked to leave the room. The discussion followed an appeal by Arkia to the High Court of Justice calling on the government to show cause why it should not permit flights with mixed passenger lists of incoming tourists and Israelis.

Sharir maintained that present Transport Ministry limitations that prohibit such "mixed" flights bar "tens of thousands of charter flights from coming to Israel and cause hundreds of thousands of dollars damage to the economy."

Supporting Sharir were ministers Yitzhak Moda'i, Gideon Patt and Pessah Grupper, while Deputy Prime Minister David Levy backed Corfu.

Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad suggested that a committee be set up to offer a proposal. Sharir replied: "No, I don't believe in any more examinations. They are simply a delaying action." (See related item, page 6.)

Egypt schooner helped to safety in Haifa

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER

HAIFA. — An Egyptian schooner crippled by mechanical problems limped into Haifa port on Friday night aided by an Israeli Navy ship and Coastal Police boat, the police reported yesterday.

The Egyptian vessel, with a crew of five, was en route from Port Said to Jounieh in Lebanon with a 75-ton cargo of vegetables when its gearing system broke down off the Israeli coast.

The police spokesman said that the schooner could only move in reverse.

It was spotted by an Israeli Navy ship, which escorted it to the entrance of the port, where Coastal Police took charge.

As the schooner was entering the port, strong winds started pushing it towards some rocks. The Coastal Police boat managed to attach a towing line in time and pulled it to the safety of the Kishon harbour where the vessel is now undergoing repairs, the spokesman said.

Hatzor power restored

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER

HAIFA. — The Electric Corporation (IEC) yesterday restored power to Hatzor in Galilee after the local council arranged to pay its January electricity bill of 19.2 million.

The IEC spokesman said the authority still owes IS900,000 for February's account but it is expected that this will be paid in the very near future.



Fire fighters finish the job of extinguishing a fire that consumed a truck full of food products on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway yesterday afternoon. The blaze, which caused a seven-kilometre back-up of vehicles trying to leave the capital during the rush hour, was caused by a short circuit. The destroyed cargo alone was worth more than IS1 million. (Scoop 80)

Social-services volunteers get awarded for their work

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER

Eleven individuals or institutions yesterday received awards from the Labour and Social Affairs Ministry for volunteer work in the social services, in a ceremony in Ramat Gan.

The awards were given to the following:

Shlomo Rabiner, a Jerusalemite in his 70s who came here 10 years ago from the Soviet Union, for work with the elderly of his neighbourhood, Ir Ganim.

Ziva Moyal, 33, for advancing the cause of the mentally retarded in Beersheba.

Dr. Moshe Chizlik, 72, a Haifa dentist, for setting up and working in a free dental clinic for the needy elderly in Kiryat Yam, near Haifa.

Hila Gil, 12, of Jerusalem, for helping children from problem families at a nearby boarding school.

Dr. Yael Ben-Dor, a retired gynecologist in Safad, who set up a centre to rehabilitate handicapped persons and children with learning disabilities.

Klaus and Pina Wallach, retired, from Pardes Hanna, for their decades of work with retarded children and their families.

Miriam Ben-Eliezer, who since coming here 20 years ago from Rumania, has worked to improve social and community services in Netanya.

Yehuda Revivo, 67, for helping to improve services for the blind and visually impaired in Ashkelon.

The pupils of the Beit She'an Miflan (a vocational school for wayward youth up to the age of 14), who have devoted their time and skills to repair and renovate social and youth clubs in their town.

Helena Davidovitch and others of Haifa Wizo, for providing services for needy families and those with problem children.

Francisca van Sronsten, a Dutch nun in her late 20s, for work with the retarded children of the Sacred Heart school in Haifa for the last five years.

Toxic-waste-disposal site stays closed

By LIORA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — The country's only disposal site for toxic waste, scheduled to reopen yesterday after being closed two years, remains closed. The only work going on at the site, in Ramat Hovav, 12 kilometres south of here, is earthmoving.

The site, which was closed after a fire on April 2, 1982, is being prepared as a repository for dangerous waste, Danny Ne'eman, chief engineer of Mivnei Ta'asia, the government company in charge

of the site, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday. To get a licence to treat the waste, permission is required from several ministries and the Interior Ministry has yet to give its approval, Ne'eman said.

With Ramat Hovav still closed, dumping is continuing in wadis, abandoned quarries and even municipal dumps. A recent study conducted by site manager Dov Adan found that 20,000 tons of dangerous wastes are produced annually in Israel — twice as much as had been thought.

WIZO — The second "active citizenship" seminar for Wizo members in the north ended yesterday with a ceremony at Yessud Hamaalah attended and addressed by World Wizo Executive Chairman Michal Moda'i.

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S. Africa, Swaziland announce pact

PRETORIA (AP). — White-ruled South Africa and Swaziland announced on Saturday that for more than two years the neighbouring nations have been observing a mutual-security agreement.

Foreign Minister R.F. Botha and his Swazi counterpart, Richard Dlamini, also announced after a meeting here that the countries will exchange trade representatives.

Since mid-February, South Africa has struck security accords with ideological neighbours Angola and Mozambique. But the Swazi pact goes further than either of those agreements in that it says the

nations will "collectively" combat threats.

This means Swaziland and South Africa will help one another, a point not mentioned in the Angolan and Mozambican pacts.

South Africa is widely criticized in Africa for its systemized racial segregation and legislated White privilege. While signing accords with South Africa, Angola and Mozambique announced they condemned the South African system, known as apartheid.

Botha said it had been decided at Saturday's talks to make the agree-

ment public, though neither he nor Dlamini said why.

The ministers said in a prepared statement that the agreement was reached on February 17, 1982. That would have been under the Swazi leadership of King Sobhuza, who died in August 1982.

Swaziland is surrounded on three sides by South Africa and by Mozambique on the fourth. The kingdom has strong economic ties with South Africa, and Swazi police have routinely hunted down Swazi-based, Black-nationalist fighters waging a war of sabotage against South Africa's White-minority rule.

Numeiri says Sudan doctors linked to plot

KHARTOUM (Reuters). — Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri was quoted by the official Sudanese News Agency (Suna) yesterday as saying a coup against him had been planned for Saturday but failed to materialize.

Suna said Numeiri made the comment to leaders of the ruling Sudanese Socialist Union and trade unions yesterday.

Numeiri has survived several attempts to topple him since taking power in a bloodless coup in 1969.

Punjab terror attack follows gov't and Sikh concessions

NEW DELHI (AP). — Sikh terrorists killed at least three women and wounded 23 persons yesterday in a grenade attack on a Sikh dissent sect's shrine in troubled Punjab state, the United News of India (UNI) reported.

The attack occurred one day after the government and Sikh militants made concessions and stepped back from a threatened confrontation.

Sikh militants called off a planned weeklong "fill-the-jails" agitation in Punjab. The decision followed a statement by the government that it would amend the constitution to recognize the Sikh faith as a separate religion.

UNI said unidentified extremists tossed two powerful grenades into the religious centre of the Nirankari Sikh sect at Rayya, 45 kilometres outside the Sikh holy temple of Amritsar, 400 kilometres northwest

of New Delhi. The terrorists escaped.

The layings followed escalating terrorist attacks on members of the Nirankari community, a reformist sect which unlike Sikhism believes in a living guru. Orthodox Sikhs consider the worship of a living guru as blasphemous.

The constitutional change proposes to classify Sikhism as a separate religion, instead of a sect of Hinduism.

The major concessions by both sides open the way for new negotiations aimed at achieving a political solution to the crisis in the northern state of Punjab. It has claimed 350 lives in three years.

The government decision to amend the constitution was labelled a surrender to threats by the right-wing Bharatiya Janata (Indian People's Party), a major opposition group.

Sports

Israeli disqualified

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

ASHKELON. — Steve Rosenberg, a young Israeli tennis player now serving in the IDF, was reprimanded and disqualified by chief tournament referee Aharon Sapir yesterday for unpardonable behaviour in the third qualifying round of the ATPI Gali Cup Tournament at the Israel Tennis Centre here. The scores were 5-5 in the final third set of his match with Japan's Hitashi Shirato when an argument broke out between Rosenberg and a linesman. Rosenberg drove the ball hard into the linesman's stomach.

Shirato lost his subsequent match to Elio Sassi 6-4, 6-1, and Sassi, Finland's Kimo Alkio, West Germany's Udo Riglewski and England's Stuart Hale qualified for the tournament, which starts at 2 p.m. today. No. 1 seed, Jimmy Glickstein played Jeremy Bates at 4 p.m. The next three seeds in order are Holland's Mike Schapers, American Drew Glits and Bruce Manson.

The 42 overseas participants were welcomed at a festive dinner in the Shalom Gali Hotel by IFA chairman David Harari.

Maccabiah entry

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

RAMAT GAN. — More than 35 nations have already confirmed their entry in the 12th Maccabiah Games, taking place in July, 1985, with Gibraltar and probably Zaire among the newcomers, it was announced at yesterday's opening session of the International Maccabiah Games Committee here.

A total of 70 delegates from 20 countries are attending the two-day meeting at Ramat Gan's Kfar Hamaacabiah. Among several new sports included in the programme is rugby and football, for which some ten countries have already signed up, while women's hockey will be played in addition to the men's game. Back in the history after having been dropped from the last Maccabiah are boxing and diving. Cycling will make its reappearance after an absence of 15 years. The basketball, which has been a feature of the event ever since the first games in 1932, has been dropped this time because of insufficient interest.

A total of 31 sports will be contested at the 12th Maccabiah, as compared to 29 three years ago, while chess and bridge tournaments are again being held within the framework of the event.

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Haig: Reagan troops decision foiled 1982 Lebanon peace

NEW YORK (AP). — President Ronald Reagan's 1982 announcement of the decision to send troops to Lebanon disrupted an agreement that would have established "the conditions for peace in Lebanon," former secretary of state Alexander Haig says in his memoirs.

"With this ill-conceived announcement, attention was diverted for several vital days from the peace effort and focused instead on the meaning of committing American troops," Haig wrote in his book, *Caveat: Realism, Reagan and Foreign Policy*, to be published later this month.

In July 1982, "after intensive negotiations," the Syrians, the PLO and the Israelis "were prepared to leave Lebanon at the same time,"

Haig said in book excerpts to be published this week in *Time* magazine.

The "linchpin" of the arrangement was an international peacekeeping force, which Haig had discussed in "the greatest secrecy" with the French, and which would give Lebanon "confidence and time to rebuild," he wrote.

"I believed that by July 9... the PLO withdrawal could commence and the conditions for peace in Lebanon would have been established."

But with Reagan's July 6 announcement, a day after Haig left office, "superpower rivalry was reawakened. The breach between

Syria and the Soviet Union was mended by huge new shipments of Soviet arms to Syria... The PLO reneged on its agreement to withdraw from Lebanon, the Israelis announced that they were making logistical preparations to spend the winter in Lebanon."

Haig says he warned Israel in the strongest possible terms in May, 1982 against invading Lebanon. He said that Defence Minister Ariel Sharon shocked a roomful of State Department bureaucrats in late May by sketching out two possible military campaigns: One that would pacify Southern Lebanon, and a second that would change the political map of Beirut in favour of the Phalange. "Sharon was putting

the U.S. on notice: One more provocation and Israel would deliver a knockout blow to the PLO," Haig wrote.

"In a strenuous argument with Sharon in the presence of my staff, I challenged these plans, and after the meeting, so that there could be no question that I was playing to an audience, I invited Sharon into my office and told him privately, in the plainest possible language, what I had repeated to him and Premier Menachem Begin and their colleagues many times before: Unless there was an internationally recognized provocation, and unless Israeli retaliation was proportionate to any such provocation, an attack by Israel into Lebanon would have a devastating effect in the U.S."

U.S. holds gas chemical bound for Iraq

NEW YORK (Reuters). — U.S. customs officials are holding 500 kilograms of a chemical, bound for Iraq, which could be used for manufacturing nerve or mustard gas, a customs spokesman has announced.

A round-the-clock armed guard was put over the 74 drums of potassium fluoride "detained" at Kennedy International Airport here Friday night, the spokesman said Saturday night.

The measure followed Friday's decision by the Reagan administration in effect to ban the sale of five chemicals to Iraq, which it said had used nerve gas as well as other chemicals in its war with Iran. Iraq has denied the charges.

The customs spokesman said the chemical was addressed to the

Ministry of Pesticides in Baghdad and arrived at the Royal Dutch Airlines (KLM) export terminal on March 2.

"We're holding it at the KLM export section at Kennedy until they (the exporting firm) get a licence," he said. "It could be used for manufacturing mustard or nerve gas."

He said the consignment had been held up since March 2, because of an unspecified irregularity and some question as to whether it could be exported.

The customs spokesman said the chemical had now been technically "detained," not seized, under the controls announced on Friday. He declined to name the exporting company.

Poll predicts Mondale win in important NY primary

NEW YORK (Reuters). — Democratic presidential aspirant Walter Mondale criticized rival Gary Hart as an inexperienced "Johnny come lately" as the two prepared for tomorrow's crucial New York primary.

An ABC-Washington Post poll gave Mondale 41 per cent support compared with 28 per cent for Hart, indicating that the former vice-president's personal attacks on Hart could be paying off.

The poll gave Black activist Jesse Jackson 21 per cent.

Mondale on Saturday chalked up another victory in the south by winning the biggest number of delegates in the Kentucky caucuses (12), beating Jackson (6), into second place and Hart (3), into third.

In a day of campaigning from one

end of New York State to the other, Mondale criticized Hart, senator from Colorado, as unfit for the presidency, charging that he wavered on the issues and had made diplomatic gaffes.

Hart, who has caused a major upset in the campaign by coming from far behind to challenge Mondale, portrayed himself as the underdog in New York, where 285 delegates are at stake.

The breakdown of delegates selected or allocated thus far for the Democratic national convention in San Francisco is Mondale — 723, Hart — 439, Jackson — 86, others — 72, of a total of 3,933. The winner needs 1,967 delegates to become the Democratic Party candidate for the president.

Washington prepares policy to combat world terrorism

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — The Reagan administration is preparing a wide-ranging policy to combat international terrorism, including the use of anti-terrorist commando teams abroad, U.S. officials say.

A major policy review, expected to produce a document for the president's signature sometime in April, has been under way since the suicide-truck bombing of U.S. Marine headquarters in Beirut last October in which 241 U.S. servicemen died.

But planning began even before that incident on some parts of the new effort, including the creation in January of a Defence Department agency to coordinate rapid-strike special forces operations, Pentagon officials said this week.

"The United States has trained forces from all four services to cope with terrorist incidents," the officials said. "We do not want to

comment on any details concerning the circumstances under which these forces may be deployed."

They said a high-level White House group would also be established to coordinate anti-terrorist activities and authorize commando operations.

The policy may also include new economic and political sanctions against countries such as Syria, Iran and Libya that the U.S. has blamed for many of these attacks.

But some Pentagon officials, who asked not to be named, questioned how vigorously the administration would use such measures, including military force, against terrorists.

They noted that Reagan had said he would wish those responsible for the Beirut marine headquarters in Beirut, "no retaliatory action was taken... shadowy organization called Islamic Jihad (holy war) claimed responsibility."

Japanese freighter hits mine in Nicaragua port

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP). — A port official said on Saturday a Japanese freighter, the Terushio Maru, hit a mine in the Pacific port of Corinto, raising to seven the number of ships damaged this month by mines planted by U.S.-backed rebels.

There were no reports on injuries or the extent of damage. "State security authorities are not permitting anyone to approach the ship," said an official of the Vassallo Shipping Company.

German mayor opposes SS reunion next year

OBERAULA, West Germany. — Veterans of the Nazi SS "Death's Head" division ended a weekend reunion yesterday shielded by police, and said they planned to return next year despite massive protests.

But Oberaula Mayor Hans-Joachim Schnuecker vowed to oppose any more Death's Head meetings in this central West German town.

"We would be ruining our own reputation," Schnuecker told reporters. "The veterans group can assume we will use all legal methods to hinder such meetings in the future," the mayor vowed after Saturday's rally.

Oberaula's 1,900 inhabitants were outnumbered by more than two to one by outsiders as the SS veterans went ahead with their reunion despite some 4,000 protesters.

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Victim of Hollywood

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE DEFENDERS of Massada have fallen again—victims this time to Hollywood's ambitions, as they were 2,000 years ago to Rome's.

This is the assessment of Prof. Yigael Yadin, the man who excavated Massada, of the television drama on the subject whose presentation on Israel Television has now ended.

"I will give them full credit for their portrayal of the Roman army and the siege," said Yadin in an interview last week. "But in their portrayal of the Jewish defenders, they lacked imagination."

If it was the juggernaut of history that overwhelmed the defenders of Massada in 73 CE, Central Casting was largely responsible for the current debacle, according to Yadin.

As Roman governor Flavius Silva, he said, "Peter O'Toole acted superbly and has the immediate sympathy of the viewer, even apart from the script," but Peter Strauss as much less convincing as the leader of Jews, Eleazar Ben Yair, and the script was likewise a bad piece of portraiture.

"I think the moral of the (filmed) story is that the Jews were just obstinate fanatics and the Romans were liberals." The portrait of Silva as a liberal, a peace lover and a Jew lover, said Yadin, has absolutely no historical evidence to support it.

He noted, incidentally, that Silva in the late 70s was First Consul in Rome at the time Josephus was writing the story of Massada in his *History of the Jews*, a fact which lends authenticity to his description of the mass suicide. Josephus would not have dared invent such a story, which could detract from what Silva probably considered his greatest victory, said Yadin.

The *keffiyeh* worn by the defenders



Peter O'Toole (left) in "Massada".

make them look like "a bunch of PLOnikim," said Yadin. It is not known what headress Jews of the period wore, but it was likely that they covered their heads with their *talit* or outer garment much as Be-dulin do today.

The film's love affair between Silva and his Jewish woman slave draws Yadin's criticism. "The story of Massada is so strong that this incredible love story is demeaning."

IT IS, HOWEVER, the ultimate meaning of Massada and its perception by audiences watching the film that most concern Yadin.

"We are accused of having a Massada complex. Seen through the eyes of the film's producers, this means fanaticism without any logic to it, or any rationality. This has political implications for today."

"But what we are saying is that the meaning of Massada is that we must never be in the dilemma facing the defenders of Massada — to be

spiritual slaves or cruelly destroyed on the one hand or to die free. We want to live free."

The epilogue tagged on the story showing an Israeli armoured corps unit being sworn in on Massada was an attempt by the producers to rectify the film image, said Yadin.

He had declined to serve as adviser to the film and had also declined invitations by O'Toole, a personal friend, to visit the site during filming.

"I was afraid that any presence of mine would be exploited and be made to seem that I was associated with the film."

Despite his reservations, Yadin acknowledged that he cannot calculate what the political impact of the film will be on open-minded audiences, and how its message will be interpreted.

The message of Massada rings down through the ages — as loud and unclear, or at least controversial, as ever.

Lively approach

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the grand piano at the back of the orchestra. The solo part, originally written for harpsichord, often did not come across as intended. In the second movement particularly, accompanying parts, though dynamically restrained, covered the cantilena of the keyboard instrument to such an extent that I thought this was a new version of the old score.

Thus the pianist, on this first appearance with the JSO, could not be fully judged, beyond an impression of his digital fluency, and that he answered all demands authoritatively.

Finally, the Mozart Symphony was given a clear, clean and well worked out reading, with the conductor's indications from the desk with precision and cooperation. The horns, quite exposed in the key of A in the outside movements, were too obtrusive throughout, but otherwise balance and contact between the sections was satisfactory. The lovely symphony provided a pleasant finale to an unproblematic evening's programme.

YOHANAN BOEHM.

HAIFA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA — Urs Schneider conducting with Rivka Golani-Erdes, viola; Eli Hefetz, clarinet (Haifa, Auditorium, March 26). Mendelssohn: "Moonlight and Gladiolus" (Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage), Overture; Bruch: Concerto for Clarinet, viola and orchestra, Op. 85; Berlioz: "Harold in Italy," Op. 16.

THE RARELY HEARD Bruch concerto for clarinet, viola and orchestra was the only deviation from the mostly pictorial choices of the programme. Although published in 1913, it is romantic in character and an enjoyable, melodious piece of music.

Rivka Golani-Erdes read her part with temperament, technical fluency and a warm tone. But she lacked sonority, and her continuous knee-bending was distracting.

Eli Hefetz's tone was clear and his musical phrasing well-rounded. Both soloists fulfilled their tasks satisfactorily, but there was a lack of acoustic balance in the teamwork. The clarinet emerged too loud, overshadowing the viola part.

Throughout the evening, Urs Schneider elicited a rich sound from the musicians of the HSO, and there were many good solos, including those from the brass section. The Mendelssohn descriptive concert overture received a clear reading.

After the interval, Berlioz's tone poems of Italian scenes found temperamental interpreters in conductor, orchestra and soloist. Golani played with added sonority and involvement, and the orchestra gave a rousing rendition, ending the evening on a lively note.

ESTHER REUTER

Jewelry

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A sparking show

Featuring the work of 47 exhibitors, the seventh Israel Jewelry Fair opens today at Jerusalem's Laromme Hotel, writes Greer Fay Cashman.



Israeli-produced jewelry.

THERE are 47 exhibitors in Showcase 84, the Israel jewelry trade fair which opens today at the Laromme Hotel in Jerusalem. Around 160 buyers from 14 countries are expected to attend.

The largest contingent is a group of 90 buyers from the U.S., including David Zale of the prestigious Zale Corporation, who is in Israel for the first time.

America is Israel's most important jewelry market. Of the \$120 million in jewelry exports in 1983, items valued at \$90 million were sold to American buyers.

England, Switzerland, France and Germany rank after the U.S. as significant markets and Japan offers vast potential.

Ten Japan buyers are inspecting the glittering merchandise at Showcase 84.

In less than a decade, Israel has made a tremendous forward leap in jewelry exports from a scant \$7 million in 1976 to \$120 million last year.

Part of this success is due to Israel's membership in the EEC and her GSP agreement with the U.S. But freedom from levies and

taxes is insufficient incentive in itself.

Appeal is the first consideration. Design and manufacturing quality attracts buyers before there is any mention of price.

An added asset, says Hannah Weiss, deputy director of the Industry Ministry's textiles, leather, jewelry and optics division, is Israel's highly developed gem cutting industry which is respected and well known on world markets.

There has been talk for some years, of opening a jewelry manufacturing and design school along similar lines to the Shenkar Fashion and Textile College which is supported by the industry on a pro-mil basis.

Weiss says that there is a strong likelihood that the school will open this year in Tel Aviv's Hatikva Quarter. If so, there will be an appreciable impact on Israel's production and design capabilities, the fruits of which will be seen in ever-soaring exports.

The main challenge in recent months has been in learning her subject. Weiss knows the fashion industry like the back of her hand.

She admits that she is not yet on the same terms of familiarity with jewelry, but she's learning all the time. Weiss is a member of three of the key Showcase Committees, whose other members are in the forefront of the industry. Meetings are held at least twice a week, so

Weiss has ample opportunity to pick up knowledge.

Director of the division is Yohanan Levy. The jewelry section as such, is directed by Benny Pomerantz, who held the same position in the former light industries division. For Pomerantz, the changeover wasn't difficult. His duties are much the same as they were before, but with less time for respite.

New look for old coins

Douglas Greener

coin in a frame of beautifully designed gold jewelry," he says. "It certainly is a conversation starter — and who doesn't welcome the opportunity to talk about what she's wearing?"

Volk came to Israel from his native New York City in 1978 with his Swiss-born wife Judith and their four children. Twins were born after they settled in Jerusalem's Neve Ya'acov neighbourhood. Moshe and Judith both brought with them years of experience in the jewelry trade.

Israel's unique position as a cross-

roads of the ancient world has meant that a huge variety of antique coins are found here. They are bronze, silver or gold, and cost from a few dollars to tens of thousands.

Coins from the Ptolemaic and Seleucid eras, the Hasmonean dynasty, Herod and later Jewish kings, the first and second Jewish revolts against Rome, Republican and Imperial Rome, and the Byzantine period — all are strewn throughout the country.

To cope with this vast array, Volk buys only from reputable coin dealers close to the source, and then personally researches the authenticity and historical setting of each coin, using books and catalogues in his library. Every piece of jewelry

sold by Avarida comes with a "Certificate of Authenticity" describing the coin in detail.

Although large supplies of antique coins are available, they are a "finite resource." By taking the coins out of the exclusive realm of numismatists and using quantities of them in jewelry, Volk foresees that their market value will soar in the near future.

Volk is now turning his attention to the U.S. Antique coin jewelry, he says, is not yet being marketed seriously there, and he believes that Avarida's items will be as popular there as they are in Europe.

When we see high society wearing Bar Kochba shekels or Julius Caesar dinari to the Metropolitan Opera, Volk's dream will be coming true.

Gild complex

AUTOMATION may be faster and more efficient in manufacturing greater volumes and varieties of mass-produced goods, but it's never going to entirely replace manual labour. In fact, the more automated industry becomes, the higher the demand for hand-made goods. This applies as much to jewelry as to furniture and clothing.

The ongoing appeal for hand-made creations is what keeps Danot Rosenwasser Ltd., a leader in the global production of hand-made gold chains. The company's exports last year were \$20 million compared to \$22 million in 1982. The decrease was due to the drop in gold prices, but general manager Benjamin Lapidot anticipates significant gains this year. Lapidot's confidence is based on serious market research.

Of all the different jewelry items people use to adorn themselves with, chains are among the most popular. "A chain — whether in bracelet or necklace form — is usually the foundation of everyone's personal jewelry collection," according to Lapidot.

Until approximately two years ago, the company concentrated solely on chains — both hollow and solid — in different thicknesses, weights, lengths and colours.

"We weren't design-oriented," he explains. "We were making a product which required no special skills. Anyone could learn how to make a chain in the space of a day. The more experienced our workers became, the faster they worked."

"But then we realized that with design input, our chains had greater potential. So, we engaged a design team, and using chains as our basis, began producing multiple-strand necklaces, pendants, bracelets and earrings."

The results are attractive. But more important, they have evoked an enthusiastic reaction from buyers who are looking for something a little different, but not something too unusual or bombastic. For example, the company makes triple-strand chains which have a criss-cross centre piece cunningly pulled into a diamond shape. A choker is enhanced by a semi-circle fringe of gold chains in graded lengths. Tri-colour ropes are braided, radiating a glow when they catch the light.

Danot Rosenwasser adapts itself easily to what the market wants. When gold prices soared, the company began producing hollow ropes which looked exactly the same as solid ropes, but were much lighter in weight and, therefore, less expensive. These are still in demand, not only because of the cost factor, but because they are more comfortable to wear.

The company's chains are available in eight, nine, 10, 14, 18, 21 and 22 karat gold. Pure gold is 24 karat, but because it is too soft to be worked on its own, it is alloyed with other metals in various proportions. The colour of the gold varies according to the type and quantity of other metal(s) used in the alloy. The colour is not plated, but "built-in." For instance, 18 karat gold contains 75 per cent gold, and 25 per cent of another metal.

Danot Rosenwasser's principal alloys utilize silver and copper. Copper gives gold a reddish tinge; silver gives it a pale, greenish tinge. Platinum is the 25 per cent ingredient in white gold. Bright yellow gold, deeper in tone than the pure metal, results from a mixture of copper and silver in the gold alloy.

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Debating Jerusalem

THE DEBATE in Washington over Democratic Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan's bill to move the U.S. embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem is more intense and has received more publicity than is immediately apparent in Israel.

In large part this is due to the election campaign in the U.S. in which the bill has been seized as an issue pitting Democrats against the Republican administration. But the Jewish community has also been stirred by the debate on its own merits, and, of course, is favourably disposed to the bill.

This is not the first time that this sensitive issue has been raised in the U.S., especially during an election year. In 1976 and 1980 the Democratic Party platforms included such a pledge to move the U.S. embassy. But the party's presidential nominee on both occasions, Jimmy Carter, disavowed himself from them.

And before the 1980 election, a Republican Congressman sought to embarrass the Democratic administration by introducing an amendment to move the embassy. Ironically, Israel's best Democratic friends in Congress then quickly killed the bill to avoid causing embarrassment to Carter in an election year.

Now, it's the Democrats' turn to try to embarrass the Republican administration of Ronald Reagan. Whether Moynihan succeeds in pressing his legislation to a formal vote on the Senate floor is still unclear. In contrast to Reagan, both Democratic front runners, Walter Mondale and Gary Hart, have promised to move the embassy if elected in November. That has catapulted the issue to centre stage.

Should the Jerusalem embassy bill win passage in the House and Senate, Reagan has hinted that he would use his veto to kill it, despite the potential domestic political ramifications. The State Department fears the bill, if passed, would enflame the Arab and Moslem world.

The Israel Government, for its part, is not anxious to cause Mr. Reagan any political embarrassment. Therefore, it has adopted a low profile on the bill, much to Mr. Moynihan's chagrin.

Yet since the issue keeps emerging in the U.S., even if largely in election years, it has gathered a momentum of its own. Each time an administration feels compelled to resist, the issue is magnified in Arab eyes. This in turn buries administrations ever deeper in their dilemma, torn between their fears of domestic and Arab reaction.

According to some non-partisan Americans, the real U.S. aim should be to defuse the issue. And they cite a useful precedent.

After the U.S. recognized East Germany, it bowed to the latter's demands that the U.S. embassy be located in East Berlin. Washington agreed, though it does not regard East Berlin as legitimate East German territory. The U.S. maintains that its presence in East Berlin does not constitute recognition of East German sovereignty there.

Using this precedent, the U.S., it is argued, could move its embassy to the western part of Jerusalem. As in the case of East Germany, Washington could make the move and announce that this does not prejudice declared U.S. policy; namely that the final status of the city and East Jerusalem should be left to negotiations, and that the city should remain united, with free access to the holy places.

The move would please Israel, but not the Arabs; the declaration would please the Arabs but not Israel. The U.S. would be off the hook.

That at least is an argument — beyond the atmosphere of U.S. elections — worthy of attention.

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Alignment in the coming Knesset campaign. Its decision should have been based solely on the question of which candidate could bring Labour more votes at the polls. Only such a forum should decide the leadership question, and this out of a sense of party responsibility. Individual politicians should not be the ones to determine such crucial issues for the party and nation.

This statement is regarded as still aimed against Peres and Rabin for having refused to make way for Navon and for having made it clear to him that if he ran, they would put up a stiff fight against him.

Some pro-Navon groups in Labour have not given up on the possibility that he may yet run for prime minister. They recall that only three days before the 1981 Knesset elections, the party switched the shadow defence portfolio from Haim Bar-Lev to Yitzhak Rabin for electoral considerations. These groups now say that if the Likud do better in the opinion polls in the coming weeks, Labour might at the last minute become concerned enough about its chances of defeating the Likud to nominate Navon after all.

Navon said on Friday that he wants to be included on Labour's Knesset list, leaving open the possibility of a future bid for the premiership.

Peres will try to convince Navon to accept the number two slot so that the party may present a Peres-Navon-Rabin troika that could benefit from Navon's popularity. If Navon insists on a place further down the list, it will be almost impossible to speak of a leadership

team and Navon's ratings at the polls will be of no practical use to the party.

The United Kibbutz Movement yesterday called on Navon to accept a top slot and become one of the troika.

The central committee meeting next week will take up the thorny question of the party rule requiring Knesset members who have served for two terms or more to receive the votes of at least 60 per cent of the committee members if they seek a third term. This hurdle could affect many of Labour's MK's and there are now demands to do away with the 60 per cent clause. That central committee meeting is also expected to set up the party's election campaign staff and name the campaign manager.

The meeting will deal with the rules governing the election of candidates for the Knesset. This, too, is a thorny question. Until now, about 40 per cent of the candidates were theoretically elected in the branches and the rest in the central committee. In fact, few of the branch candidates made it onto the actual list and much of the decision-making was done in backroom caucuses.

Among the suggestions is that Labour adopt Herut's method. Herut's central committee elects the 35 top candidates and then ranks their order on the list in groups of sevens in further votes. Everything is done by secret ballot.

But Labour insiders doubt that their party system will be changed as Peres and Rabin both reportedly support the present system. If it is not changed the branch candidates will be chosen by mid-May.

ELECTION LESSONS

By SHEVAH WEISS

AFTER THE elections for the Tenth Knesset, I made many observations in published articles that seem highly pertinent today in view of the forthcoming elections for the Eleventh Knesset. For example, the political centre in Israel has apparently disappeared.

The percentage of voters who voted for centre parties in Israel since elections for the First Knesset has fluctuated. The figure was 9.3 per cent in elections for the First Knesset, and then successively 19.4 per cent, 14.6 per cent, 10.8 per cent and 13.6 per cent. In the elections for the Sixth to Eighth Knessets, the figures were 3.8 per cent, 4.4 per cent and 5.8 per cent.

The figure rose to 15.9 per cent in the elections for the Ninth Knesset. In the following elections centre parties suffered from the experience of the Democratic Movement for Change (DMC), which had left a bitter taste in many mouths, and from the fact that both the Likud and the Alignment had courted centre voters. The Likud did so with its *laissez-faire* approach, the Alignment with its emphasis on civil rights.

The centre parties also suffered from the fact that the issues on the nation's agenda called for radical solutions, while centre parties by definition are not inclined to radicalism. Finally, the centre in 1981 lacked leaders with strong popular appeal.

Whether the Israeli centre will have a come back in 1984 clearly depends on several factors. Has the public got over the DMC ex-

perience? Will the Likud and the Alignment be as successful this time in courting the centre voter? And will the centre parties, and Ezer Weizman's new list in particular, present the public with convincing platforms? Will the charisma of the man from Caesarea work on wide sectors of the population, despite his first *faux pas*?

Without doubt, a large portion of the votes for the Alignment in the elections for the Tenth Knesset came from the middle class. In 1981, I defined one of the Alignment's dilemmas as "socialism in the name of a bourgeois public." The Alignment was torn between appealing to those who might vote for the DMC or the Citizens' Rights Movement and those who might vote for Sheli and thus appeared as a perplexed hermaphrodite.

A LOOK at how various categories of the public voted in 1981 shows that the Alignment did best in exclusive wealthy neighbourhoods and settlements (60 per cent of the vote); in older established urban centres (53 per cent); the older non-religious moshavim (62 per cent); post-state non-religious moshavim (53 per cent) — with the percentage much higher among the more prosperous of these; and in the non-religious kibbutzim (92 per cent). In other words, the Alignment did best in the established, more prosperous sections of the population.

The Alignment had lost the proletariat. Above all, this happened because it failed dismally in

getting its ideological message across to the working classes, especially where an effort could, and should, have been made, e.g. kibbutz-owned-and-run regional enterprises and various Histadrut enterprises.

Some effort has been invested in recent years in approaching broader sectors of the population, especially those in development towns and slum areas. Whether these efforts have been sufficient to make a significant difference remains to be seen.

Another Alignment weakness in 1981 was that it did not manage (and didn't even try) to get rid of its elitist-Ashkenazi image, which alienated many voters in development towns and in less prosperous new moshavim, poorer neighbourhoods and slum areas. The Alignment did worst among voters of North African origin (18 per cent), who are the largest group among those originating in a Moslem country. (It should be noted that among those Iraqi or Kurdish in origin, Labour's popularity was much higher — 54 per cent.) The Labour Party failed to integrate more Sephardi members in positions of real power rather than as decorative feathers scattered in its Knesset list.

One hopes that the lesson has been learnt, and we shall soon see the succession of Israel Kessar to the powerful post of secretary-general of the Histadrut. Nevertheless, I suspect that even if Yitzhak Navon will be placed in a powerful position within the Labour leadership, his

Dry Bones



presence will impress Labour's traditional voters more than the Sephardi voters it seeks to attract. Navon, with all his qualities, is not a leader who has emerged from the people, he is not an Alignment David Levy.

In 1981 the Likud's electoral victory in June, six months after its popularity had dipped to its lowest ebb, was to a large extent Menachem Begin's personal vic-

tory. Though in Israel the voter chooses a list, Begin had managed, in 1981, to personalize the contest, and to win. This time Begin is missing, no matter who heads each of the two major blocs, the next elections for the Knesset are sure to show less resemblance to American presidential elections than did the last.

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READERS' LETTERS

AGE-OLD CLASH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I always enjoy reading David Krivine and his article "Age-old clash" (March 11) is no exception. But he is not quite right about pork eating.

A disease called cysticercosis can be transmitted to man by eating pork, and this nasty disease can result in brain damage and even death.

It seems that in biblical times, there were wise men who knew this.

DR. R. MORRIS

Eilat.

Sir, — I was deeply shocked by the unbelievable disparagement of Yiddish culture by David Krivine in his article, "Age-old clash". He claims that "first of all...it has disappeared. Secondly, it was not a culture that stood comparison with other cultures."

Before the Holocaust, Yiddish was the mother tongue of 10 million Jews, who represented the majority of the Jewish people. Even now, millions are still using it. But even if Yiddish should become a dead language, the study of Yiddish language and literature would be important for any Jew conscious of Jewish history and culture.

The richness and depth of Yiddish literature starting from the classics and ending with the extremely talented writers executed in Stalin's purges compares favourably with the literature in any other language.

Yiddish theatre reached very high standards and acquired an international reputation. Yiddish folk songs and Hassidic music had a depth of feeling unsurpassed by the folklore of other people. The Yiddish language is so vivid and expressive that many Hebrew words used in it are so much more meaningful than in the original Hebrew as to be practically untranslatable.

DR. JACOB ROSIN

Netanya.

Sir, — David Krivine's article of March 11 says all the things I believe in says them well and logically. I, a poor benighted "liberal," believe in the principle that everyone is entitled to live the way he feels is right for him. But there's the catch! What Krivine and I believe is not what the fanatical Orthodox leaders and followers believe. They know what is right and we unbelievers must be put on the right track — by force, if necessary.

LEONARD ZURAKOV

Netanya

Sir, — What I resent most about Krivine's article is his implication that all Orthodox Jews are old-fashioned and fanatic, and are against western culture. Orthodox Jews should not be judged by a handful of extremists, just as non-religious Jews cannot be held responsible for the rabid haters of Judaism. Each side has its lunatic fringe. Among the Orthodox, there are dedicated people who, with love, kindness and respect, work to spread the tenets of our faith. Amongst them are the rabbis and teachers of the *ba'al t'shuvah* yeshivot and the gentle Hassidim of the Lubavitcher Habad movement who do their work quietly and without fanfare.

The liberal culture as depicted by Krivine is a puzzle to me. There doesn't seem to be any room here for Orthodox Jews. Yet the foundations of liberalism are there in the Torah: a six-day week, fair treatment of workers, respect and love for one's fellow men, and on and on.

The Orthodox Jews, except for a few extremists, are set against violent demonstrations. What they want to see is Israel as the Holy Land, the heritage and the ideal of our people. It hurts to see Israel as a secular state, no different from any other country.

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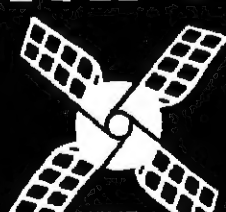
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